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Question I.C.2.b. -- Development of Requirements for and Assessment of
National Intelligence Collection and Production.

1. The development of requirements for imagery collection is an effectively coordinated and continuous Community cycle.

2. The organization of the present imagery requirements management process, through the DCI Committee mechanism, is designed to provide a management structure for imagery collection and exploitation which is centralized under the DCI; provides single point coordinated tasking for collection, processing, and exploitation; involves full formal Community participation; maintains a central audit trail and documentation for requirements actions; utilizes dedicated on-line computer support to Community elements; and above all, provides a requirements management mechanism which is independent.

3. Standing national requirements are developed in consonance with established DCI priorities. Requirements are constantly updated and modified by the entire Community through the DCI Committee mechanism. Ad hoc or special requirements are added as new situations arise. The computerization of the entire requirements management process has improved the inherently complex process of guidance, collection, and assessing collection accomplishments. Planned refinements of management systems will enhance this capability, and make assessments even more timely.

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Question I.C.2.c. -- Provision of Staff Support for Collection Committees
of NFIB (sic!)

The ICS, through its Imagery Division, provides experienced and effective support through a jointly-manned full-time staff supporting each of the major functions of the COMIREX: standing and mission-directed collection and exploitation requirements and guidance; Community-wide requirements ADP support; operational 24-hour tasking of advanced systems.

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Question II.A.4. -- Where should other Collection Elements of CIA be
Housed, e.g. . . . NPIC?

NPIC is not a collection organization but a national imagery processing and reporting unit. It is staffed jointly by CIA-DoD, and should retain this joint staffing and a certain degree of autonomy. The organization could remain in a CIA directorate or be attached directly under the DCI, so long as its national identity remains.

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Attached are the ID responses to your 20 April
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